

EXCELLENT PROGRESS MADE BY PUPILS IN PORTLAND'S SCHOOLS

Reports of Principals Indicate Over 70 Per Cent of Graduates Enter High School.

MORE WORK ON THREE R'S

Superintendent Alderman Also Has Introduced Innovations in Shape of Industrial Study.

Reports from principals and teachers show that Portland's public schools have made excellent progress during the past six months. These reports show that very few pupils dropped out of the grammar grades during the last year. Between 70 and 80 per cent, a total of over 700, grammar school graduates will enter high school tomorrow.

The result of efforts to keep children in school is illustrated by what has been done in the Woodstock school. In his report to Superintendent Alderman, A. J. Pridoux, principal, says:

"During the year eight pupils left school—five boys and three girls. Two of them, brother and sister, entered again this fall, having gone into the country for berry picking with their parents. Of the other six, three obtained employment and were 15 or had permits.

"One of the six was withdrawn by his father and put to work to avoid suspension; one was suspended for repeated truancy, as he had been the year before at a neighboring school, and one was withdrawn by her parents under a misapprehension. This was detected this fall, and the girl is now in school.

"Five of the eight, then, stopped their school life during the year. Of the 463 different pupils we had for the year, this makes 108 per cent, which is slightly better than the average of the preceding years. I believe that more vocational work would have saved three and possibly four of these five for long school life.

Principals report that more work has been placed on the essentials—the "three R's," reading, writing and arithmetic. But Superintendent Alderman says these are not the only essentials. Under his direction a number of new activities have been introduced into the schools.

Industrial Study Is Made.

Vocational guidance in the grades is one of these innovations. During the past six months an industrial study of the pupils has been made. The purpose of this is to learn what the children want to do when they leave school, what they are especially fitted for, and after that, to determine to fit the school course to the child's needs.

In connection with this study of the pupils' individual needs an observation chart is kept. This chart, one being used for each pupil, will give the teacher's marking on the following points: Posture, voice, state of health, industry, leadership, co-operation, judgment, politeness, home work and scholarship.

Foreign languages have been introduced in the grades. French, German and Latin is taught, and reports from the principals show that the pupils are making progress in studies which once were available only to those entering the high schools.

Another change of the past six months is a plan by which the teacher follows her pupils. Under this system the primary teacher does not advance, but a teacher in the second grade will follow her pupils into the third, and a teacher in the fourth will stay with her pupils through the fifth and sixth grades, and the seventh grade teacher will accompany her pupils through the eighth and ninth.

Visual Education Introduced. Under this system, a pupil need not be four teachers from the time of beginning school in the primary grade until graduation from the grammar school.

Credits for home work are being gradually introduced in the schools. These credits include work that boys and girls can do around their homes. They also include things relating to health and morals, such as bathing, brushing the teeth, sleeping with open windows, going to bed before 9 o'clock and attending church or Sunday school.

Visual education has become a part of the Portland school system. During

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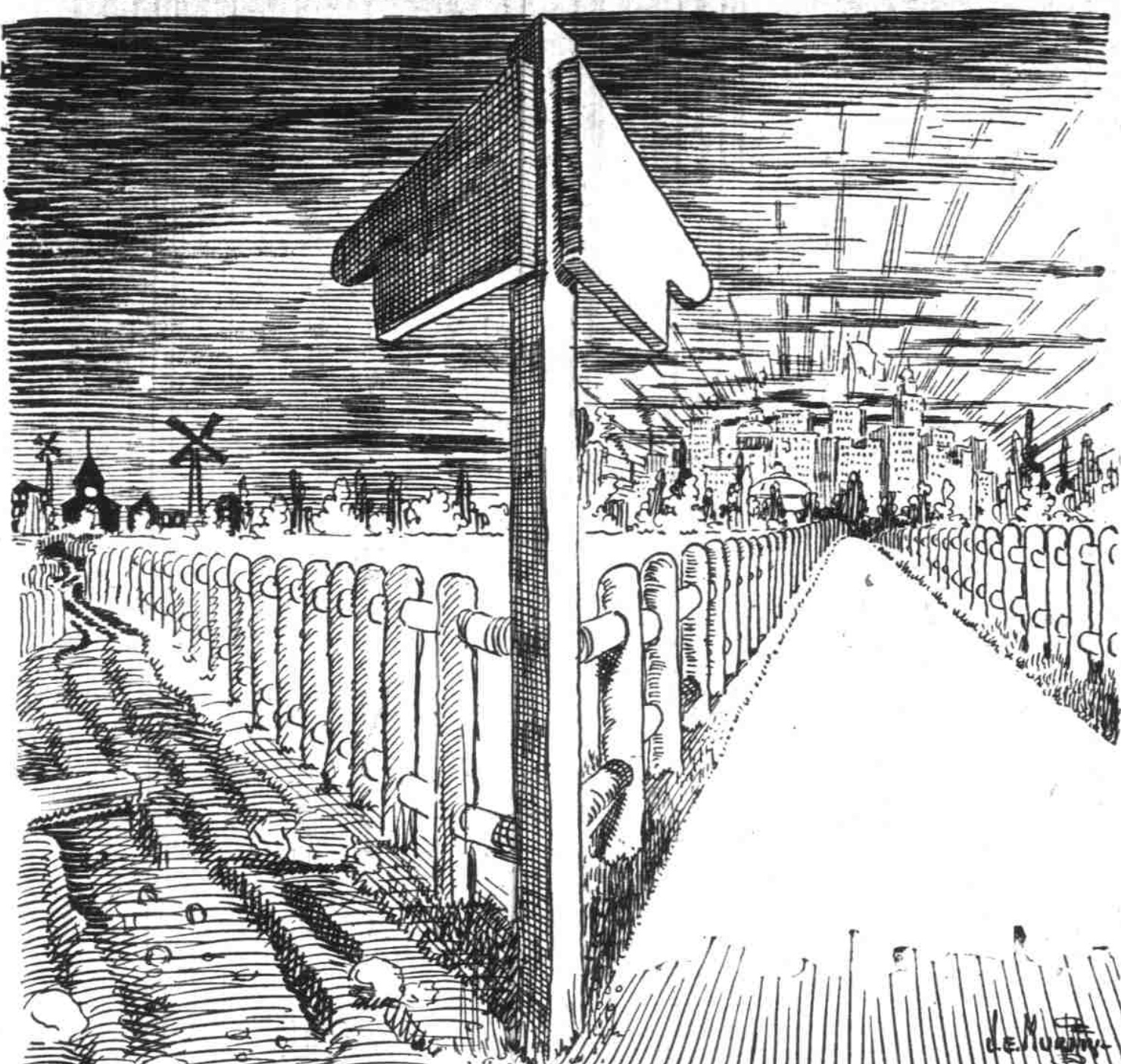
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BUILDING AN EMPIRE; THE TALE OF TWO ROADS



The past six months use has been made of lantern slides in many of the schools and principals report that the pictures have been especially useful in teaching Oregon geography and the state's resources.

Assessor Reed's Booklet Praised

Two Eastern Writers Send Letters Complimenting Oregon Official on Description and Factors for Buildings

High praise of the methods employed by Assessor Henry E. Reed in making assessments and interest in a booklet entitled "Factors of Value of New Buildings and Explanation of Land Value Maps," describing Multnomah county methods, comes from two Eastern sources.

Mount Lassen Puts On Regular Show

After Being Hidden by Clouds for 10 Days the California Volcano, Snow-Covered, Gives 2-Hour Performance.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 6.—Mount Lassen deserves to be called "Old Faithful"—after being obscured by clouds for 10 days, the volcano, snow-capped from the recent storm, stood out brightly in sunlight this morning, robed in pure white.

Extinct Volcano in Sight

Diamond Head next appears, an extinct volcano that shelters the harbor of the city, and then the harbor itself will come into view, first from the lighthouse on Koko head, from which the vessels coming to the island are sighted and the news flashed by telephone.

Revive Bands Render Music

And as the boat makes fast to the dock a native band will strike up a song of welcome and visitors will step on gangplanks to the most hospitable greetings the water can give.

Floral Parade Wonderful

Great Northern passengers arrive in Hilo the day of the annual floral parade and of this beautiful pageant Mr. Horton says: "The number and beauty of flowers employed is indescribable. Full or half payment last week, compared with 1937 during the corresponding week of 1914.

HONOLULU DESCRIBED AS BEAUTY SPOT OF WONDERFUL CLIMATE

Methodist Pastor Accused of Fraud

African Zion Church Resists Attempt of W. W. Mathews to Collect Note, Charging Misrepresentation Used.

Will of John Wood Filed for Probate

Estate Is Valued at \$13,500 According to Petition of Widow for Probate of Document.

Tax Payments Not Equal Last Year's

During First Six Days of Period Set for Collection \$70,408.91 Came Into Officers of County.

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Tomorrow Our Women's Shop Will Offer All Winter Suits at Prices Which Should Clear Them in One Day

21 Fancy Suits, every one of which is a model of this season, regularly selling at \$29.50 to \$44.50. Finely tailored from gabardines, broadcloths, French serges, tricots and wide-wale serges. Your choice while they last \$10.00

27 Serge Suits in blue or black, with plain tailored coats. All are this season's models, many of them being made from the famous "King" serge; tailored by some of America's best garment-makers. Suits that sold normally at \$29.50 to \$34.50, including sizes up to 50; tomorrow \$10.00

All Fancy Coats in a great variety of materials, and models, that have sold heretofore at \$22.50 and \$25 offered now at \$9.85

One lot Women's and Misses' Fancy Suits grouped to close; only \$5

BEN SELLING MORRISON AT FOURTH

USEFUL WORK AMONG CHILDREN IS DONE BY SAMUEL HILL

Illustrated Lectures Given Daily Were to Provide Knowledge of State.

FIELD GROWS LARGER

Purpose Is to Show That There Is Something More in Life Than Money.

If you look in the list of teachers of the Portland public schools you will not find his name, but nevertheless in the past two months there has not been a teacher in Portland who has done a more useful work of education than Samuel Hill. During the past few weeks he has been giving daily illustrated lectures to the Portland school children, giving them a knowledge of their own state and the world.

"Another thing that greatly interested the children was a comparison of our own times with those of 100 years ago. I showed them how in 1815 there were only four stage coaches plying between Philadelphia and New York, with a total capacity of 28 passengers a day. How later for \$10 passengers could go in 16 hours by boat and how in those days there were only 12 factories in the United States making cotton cloth, since 85 per cent of all of the cloth worn was made at the fire-side by the housewives.

"I took them on until the stage coach was superseded by 'Puffing Billie,' the first locomotive, carried them forward to the days of rapid transit by railroad and then on to the present day of self-controlled vehicles operating on high-class highways, and then I showed them how the prosperity of the future is linked with the development of highways which will be used by auto trucks in connection with

the work grew before I knew it and resulted in my showing not only the pictures of Oregon and its roads but in taking the children by means of my colored slides on a trip around the world showing them the roads in every part of the world. I showed them the national life, customs and products of other countries as compared with Oregon.

"Next Monday night at the library I am going to give a talk to the parents of the children. Through Archbishop Christie I also extended an invitation to the students of all of the parochial schools and they came to see the pictures and hear the lecture. In addition to the grade schools and the parochial schools the business colleges also had their students come and a number of the high school students also came.

"Something More Than Money. "What I tried to do in my lecture was to show the children that there is something in living worth far more than the mere making of money and that is serving the public and making the world a better place for their having lived in it. I told them how men like John B. Yeon and Simon Benson were giving their time, their money and their ability without financial reward for the betterment of the state.

"In other words, I tried to show them that while in school they should build character and that the cure for

many of our social ills lies in their hands, as they are the future citizens and will have to work out the problems that now confront us.

"I tried to show them what a wonderful state this is, and to impress them with the fact that the time would come when the country between Eugene and Vancouver, B. C., would be the most densely populated section of the globe on account of its great fertility. Its mild climate and also because it lies along the Pacific, where the commerce of the world will be developed.

"Gave Talk to Principals. "I took the principals of all of the schools to lunch at the University club and there I gave them a little talk that I believe will be helpful to them and to other teachers and pupils. One fact brought out in my lecture that I found greatly interested the pupils was the wide diversity of products in a 100 mile circle of which Portland is the center. Some of the children were surprised to know that in this 100 mile circle we had turkeys and cranberries, salmon and oysters, almonds and apricots, figs, peanuts and sweet potatoes, apples and alfalfa, as well as all of the fruits and vegetables that grow in the temperate zone.

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the waterways to bring the products of the producer into the hands of the consumer without any exorbitant charges for transportation.

"I showed them how commerce originated with the Phoenicians, had gone to Venice, where it had remained for 1400 years, had then gone to the low lands, Holland and the Netherlands, and finally had gone to England. And, by the by, it is an interesting fact not known by many people that the pounds, shillings and pence sign of the English currency, £, S, D, comes from the Venetian currency, the L standing for libra, the S standing for solidi and the D standing for denarii.

"Grammar" Not Education. "To my mind the school that merely crams information into a child's head is injuring the child more than helping him. The teacher who teaches the child to think and to reason is the one who is fulfilling his highest mission, for he is preparing the child not for a quarterly examination, but for life. I believe the children who have seen the pictures of Oregon roads and have realized what good roads mean to Oregon will be willing to do more for Oregon's improvement when they become voters than the citizen of today who does not realize how vital is the need for getting producers on the land to maintain our prosperity and to improve the quality of our citizenship."

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